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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Gentlemen:

As a Software Engineer with 27 years of experience, I abhor the proposed government settlement with Microsoft corporation. Microsoft has been unequivocally convicted of anti-trust operations in a U.S. court of law and should therefore should be punished in such a way as to discourage a repetition of its criminal behaviour. Instead, the DOJ is giving the company what amounts to a slap on the wrist and allowing it to continue (to this very moment) the unethical, immoral and ILLEGAL practices of which it has been convicted.

In my opinion the proposed settlement does almost nothing to 'terminate the illegal monopoly, deny to the defendant the fruits of its statutory violation, and ensure that there remain no practices likely to result in monopolization in the future'. This settlement is a sham and a disgrace and I urge you to reject it.

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